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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its meeting of April 24, 2003, the Board of Regents acted as follows:

Approval is granted for the request from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to change the name and scope of the Apparel-Computer Integrated Manufacturing Center to the Center for Business & Information Technologies (CBIT), effective immediately. By April 1, 2004, the University shall submit a progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education which addresses concerns stated in the staff summary.

The concern stated in the staff summary was “whether current resource streams are sufficient to afford new goals and objectives,” which are “to support economic development in Louisiana through research, development, and technology transfer in business and information technologies.” The staff received the progress report from the University on March 30, 2004.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The director of the CBIT supplied the following list of anticipated and actual revenues for the past year (2003-04):

Anticipated and Actual Revenue 2003-04				
	Anticipated		Actual	
State Appropriation (IT Initiative, recurring)	\$419,269	36 %	\$419,269	36 %
Federal Grants/Contracts	300,000	28 %	15,000	1 %
State Grants/Contracts (BOR)	350,000	32 %	670,640	58 %
Other	20,000	2 %	44,265	4 %
Total	\$1,089,269		\$1,149,534	

External revenues are reported as follows:

**External Revenue, Awarded
2004-09**

	#	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Federal Grants/Contracts (DLA, DSCP)	1	\$15,000	-	-	-	-
State Grants/Contracts (BOR, LED)	4	\$530,000	\$60,000	-	-	-
Private Grants, Contracts, Self-Generated Revenues	1	\$40,000	-	-	-	-
Total	6	\$585,000	\$60,000	-	-	-

Pending revenues are reported as follows:

**External Revenue, Pending
2004-2009**

	#	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Federal Grants/Contracts (USDOA)	1	-	\$250,000	\$250,000	-	-
State Grants/Contracts (BOR)	1	65,437	65,437	65,437	-	-
Private Grants, Contracts, Self-Generated Revenues from Seminars	2	\$60,000	-	-	-	-
Total	4	\$125,437	\$315,437	\$315,437	-	-

STAFF SUMMARY

The staff notes that the grants and contracts recently pursued and awarded do in fact represent a broader range of enterprises than apparel manufacturing; the CBIT is thereby supporting its broader mission.

When combined with the approximately \$420,000 per year base funding from the State IT initiative, external revenue secured by the CBIT has been sufficient to support the center's revised mission in 2003-04. It also appears that the same level of funding (approximately \$1M) has been secured for FY 2004-05.

Beyond 2004-05, external funding is less certain. To maintain the same level of funding beyond 2004, the CBIT so far relies greatly on a single federal grant from the USDOA, which has not yet been awarded.

Given the lack of external funding secured beyond 2004-05, the staff believes it prudent to monitor CBIT finances further and to require a progress report which details the CBIT's budget (i.e., expenses; secured and pending revenue for five years, starting in FY 2004-05) two years hence. This staff recommendation is consistent with similar actions approved for other centers/institutes which have not yet secured completely stable sources of funding.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee receive the progress report from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Relative to the Center for Business and Information Technologies. The next progress report shall be due July 1, 2006.